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for ignoring tariff reform. Possibly he wants another Gorman bill-a thing hard to best for disastrous perfidy and shameful

If Congress really intends to vote an additional \$4,600,000 to the St. Louis exposition it should call it a gift and let it go at that. Everybody knows that not a dollar of the so-called "loan" will ever be returned.

If cotton descends a step or two from its lofty pinnacle, wheat meets the difficulty by going a step or two higher; and thus what we lose for Peter we gain for Paul, and all is well with the American agriculturist.

Many of the Democratic presidential possibilities have developed that "lean and hungry look," but Judge Parker is not troubres that way. At least, he has consistently declined every dinner invitation so far.

A Boston paper says there are two factions in the Republican party in Indianaone consisting of federal officeholders and the other of candidates for federal offices. Why only in Indiana, pray? And why only in the Republican party?

Indianapolis must have four new bridges, to cost between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. The frosts and floods and snow, and thaws of the present winter have cost the city a pretty penny. Bridges are an immediate necessity, and other things must wait,

play between the bellicose powis doubtless the best man to send. will go hard with him to be obliged to watch a fight in which he cannot participate. But, then, he can always relieve his feelings by swearing.

It is really pitiful the way our authors and literary men die penniless, or nearly so when their works have deserved a more substantial reward. Henry Seton Merriman left barely \$260,000 behind him. Seriously, is not the old superstition about the slender profits of literature about exploded?

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says that the action of the Japanese in attacking the Russian fleet without a declaration of war is regarded as an outrage by the Russians. Perhaps it was impolite, but how about the secret movement of Russian troops for months past?

The total losses by the Baltimore fire are now estimated at \$125,000,000. This is less me former estimates, but still frightfully large. The insurance is estimated at \$90,000,000-a large per cent. on the losses. It is probable that a considerable proportion of the insurance was placed with Baltimore companies.

It is somewhat humorous to see the party which is calling for a return to the principles of its founders repudiate for political purposes one of the strongest of those principles. The Democrats have always been rather insistent about the paramount rights of a sovereign State, but now they are denying the right of a sovereign State to instruct its delegates in Congress.

President Harris, of Amherst, and President Eliot, of Harvard, argue that "the life of the educator is the most fortunate in the world, and its rewards and happigreater than those in any other vocation." Yes, that is the way it looks to the president of a great university, but what do the overworked and underpaid public school teachers think of it?

It is distinctly to the credit of Baltimore was no looting or attempt at looting during the terrible fire which wiped out the business district of the city. The people fought bravely to save their homes, and none of the disgraceful scenes that accompany such disasters were wit-This is probably due in a large measure to the prompt precautions taken in placing guards and extra police, and in declaring martial law within the corporation.

ply one of building for all time or of putting up cheap structures that may have to ! the canal route that Colombia formerly had.

be replaced in a few years. The time has passed for that kind of penny-wise pound-Without perpetrating any extravagance the bridges should be the best that money can will take this view of the case.

vent in a fierce attack on the Russian ships at Port Arthur. This is Russia's base of verted by her into an important naval post and virtually the seat of government for | mission. Manchuria. The Japanese opened the fight with what seems to have been a very effective blow.

Almost every war of recent times has developed new discovery or emphasized some new feature in warfare. The Spanish-American war demonstrated the importance ...\$1.00 of naval gun practice and marksmanship, moving troops in masses to attack impregnable positions. All recent wars have demonstrated the superiority of the American practice of open order fighting and individual initiative over the old idea of hurling masses of soldiers against other

It looks as if the present war between

Russia and Japan might furnish an instructive lesson in the effectiveness of torpedoes in naval warfare. Although the dispatches | the construction of a plant for the manuregarding the first naval conflict are still facture of artificial gas. If there are any somewhat vague they show that the Japanese delivered a heavy attack on the Russian is presumed the directors have fully confleet at Port Arthur and that it was prac- | sidered them and believe they can be overtically an attack by torpedo boats against | come. At all events, it is certain the action battleships. One dispatch said the Russian is in accordance with the original plan of | Ledger. ships were damaged by mines. This was the company. impossible, because the harbor at Port Arthur was under the control of the Russians, and if there were any mines there they were for Russian defense. The attack on the Russian ships was doubtless by torpedo boats, though they might possibly have used submarine torpedoes. The Japanese navy is strong in this modern line of offensive warfare and it looks as if Japan had determined to make effective use of it at the very beginning of hostilities. That the attack was effective is shown by the statement of Admiral and Viceroy Alexieff that two Russian battleships and one cruiser were injured. He does not say how badly they were injured, but British naval experts think they have probably been put hopelessly out of action for a considerable Senator Gorman attacks the Republicans naval engagement is a distinct victory for

> and good sailors as well as good fighters. The Russians know very little about salt water. To the Chinese the sea is little the Japanese it has been an incentive to enterprise. The Japanese are a maritime people. They have not only bought modern ships, but have built them, and know how to use them. In the war with China in 1894 a flect of eleven Japanese men-ofwar, with torpedo boats, attacked a Chinese squadron of fourteen ironclads and cruisers, and after five hours' fighting succeeded without the loss of a single ship in sinking four of the Chinese men-of-war, burning three others and putting the rest to flight. True, the Chinese are not good sailors, but they are probably as good as the Russians. In the battle referred to they showed bravery enough, but were outma-

neuvered and outfought by the Japanese. The naval tactics of the Japanese consist in assuming the defensive, delivering a swift and heavy attack, and fighting to a finish. These tactics were successful in the war with China, and they may be in the present one. If Japan should succeed in capturing Port Arthur, as she did from the Chinese in 1894, she would be in a position to threaten the Russian lines of communication and make the holding of Manchuria difficult. At all events, it is evident Admiral Evans will go to Port Arthur and she has demonstrated the effectiveness of torpedoes in naval warfare and inflicted a severe blow on the Russian navy.

In all naval operations in the Yellow sea or the Sea of Japan, the Japanese have the advantage of knowing the lay of the land and every inch of the coast. This which they have a perfect chart and the only one in existence. The Korean archipelago embraces a great number of islands know them, but full of traps for those who do not. The Japanese will be perfeetly at home in these waters, while the Russians would be helpless. It is evident, however, that the Japanese do not intend that the Russian warships shall ever reach | cap. Korean waters if they can help it.

TRYING TO DEFEAT THE CANAL. A dispatch from New York says that of Colombia, will sail for Paris to-day to look after Colombian interests in connection with the Panama canal. A few weeks ago perjury. when he left Washington, ostensibly to return home, it was given out that his presence was imperatively demanded in Colombia. It seems that after a period of reflection he has changed his mind.

General Reyes says he thinks it his duty to be present in Paris when the question of the sale of rights of the Panama Canal ama Canal Company cannot transfer its rights to the United States without the consent of Colombia, because its contract entered into with Colombia cannot automati- of the Chinese wall. It is understood that cally transfer itself to Panama province. the wall has suffered recently by portions The province cannot substitute itself for

From this it appears that General Reyes's object in going to Paris is to try and defeat the treaty between the United States and Panama for the construction of the canal. The treaty, among other things, authorizes the Panama Canal Company to sell and transfer its rights and concessions to the United States, General Reyes's contention is that when Panama seceded from the old Colombian federation it left behind the ownership and control of the canal route, and that the concessions originally made to the canal company by Colombia reverted to Colombia. In other words, he contends that an agreement between the new pany to transfer the concessions and rights in-waiting anxiously, of the company to the United States is of The County Commissioners seem disposed no legal effect without the consent of to treat the bridge question from a broad Colombia. He forgets that when Panama and liberal point of view. Admitting that dissolved partnership with Colombia she as many as four new bridges are needed, became sole owner of the isthmus and had which nobody denies, the question is sim- the same right to make contracts and

concessions to the Panama Company are of foolish policy in municipal improvements. | no more account than a last year's al-

procure, and it is hoped the County Council | having lost Panama, the isthmus, the canal route and a good bargain with the United States all through her own greed and bad FIRST ELOOD FOR THE JAPANESE. faith, Colombia is now trying to prevent At last the fighting spirit of Japan and | the construction of the canal altogether. the patriotism of the people have found | She cannot hope to recover Panama nor breathe new life into concessions that are dead, but she hopes to get revenge by preoperations in the East and has been con- venting the construction of the canal. Gen. Reyes goes to Paris on a dog-in-the-manger

> education had only resulted in making criminals of negroes. Such a statement is extraordinary in view of some recently published facts and figures. In South Carolina 47 per cent, of the negro population can read and write, but of the negro convicts only 25 per cent. are as well instructed. Sixty per cent. of the Georgia convicts, and only 47 per cent, of the colored population of the State are illiterate. Among Alabama are ignorant. Governor Vardaman has misstated the facts.

The action taken by the directors of the Consumers' Trust Company at their meeting yesterday is an important step toward financial or legal difficulties in the way it this pain any longer."

The Baltimore fire is remarkable in the fact that no lives were lost. There is cause for rejoicing in the consideration that with 150 acres in the heart of a great city comcomparably worse; not a single building destroyed, but nearly six hundred people

MINOR TOPICS.

The Minnesota newspaper world is much disturbed as a result of an interesting story from an imaginative correspondent at Le Suer. It was stated that a man in that city went out with his rifle, during the to it." recent cold snap, to shoot a cat. The cat took refuge on the timbers of a water tank, above the man's head. The man fired, and pussy fell, but the bullet had pierced the tank. Instantly a flood of The Japanese are at home on the water, water descended on the man, freezing as it fell, and he stood helpless, encased in a rapidly growing block of solid ice. When he was rescued and melted out the murdered cat was found frozen to his back. This is a very interesting story; but rival papers doubted its exact veracity, and cast slurs upon the paper which published it and the correspondent who sent it. A great deal of bitterness has resulted.

The management of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition should arrange for a matrimonial day in honor of the year. It is reported that Director Taylor has already received a barrel of letters proposing marriage, and at this rate it should not be | And brought back the smile to her chique. difficult to get up an entertaining "national leap year celebration," a ticket to the grounds on that day entitling the holder to a marriage license without further cost.

It is possible that China may become an ally of Japan during the present conflict. Chinese soldiers cannot help much in the way of fighting, but they are said to be good runners, so they may be useful in cases of pretended retreat. Also, they can make fiendish noises which may disconcert | she?"

Sometimes a humble newspaper editor proves that eloquence and forceful writing | Dealer. are not yet dead. A Brooklyn paper speaks of "the lunacy of superlative egotism carried to the extreme of clotted nonsense." Put that in your note book-it will make a tremendous hit at some future "dollar

There has arisen a doctor who gravely announces that leg grafting is possible. Millionaires who lose their legs will find that good healthy ones cost much more than ears, however. It is probable that this form of grafting will never grow as popular or as profitable as some other vari- after death."

it would be a huge joke to nominate him | lic Standard. for the presidency. That should make no difference whatever-most of the Democratic possibilities thus far named are even bigger jokes than Francis. It seems to be a recommendation rather than a handi-

termined to introduce startling changes into the marriage ceremony. Not only does he refuse to kiss the bride, as reported General Reyes, the newly-elected President | the other day, but he has stricken the word "obey" from the wedding vow. Well, that alteration will prevent an immense lot of Women who are inclined to observe all

their leap year prerogatives cannot do better than to take a trip to the Philippines. A cry comes from the islands that there are not enough women, and it should be As to the object of his present mission "easy picking" over there for the bachelor maids this year. Nineteen years ago a man named Sub-

lett, of Missouri, had a valuable bull killed Company to the United States comes before by an engine. He immediately brought the proper French tribunal. "To me," he suit, and has just received \$276 damages. says, "the matter is very clear. The Pan- One would think he would have Sublett that claim long ago. The Empress Dowager of China is said | natural phosphate.-Revue Scientific

to fear an irruption of Russians in spite

of it being carried away by travelers. Admiral Alexieff will now have an opportunity to show how he is on looping

life into his business from now on. A Kentucky woman swallowed an electric light bulb recently, but she has recovered. A light diet appears to have agreed with

STORIES THAT ARE TOLD.

Court Etiquette Illustrated. Ambassador Choate, at a dinner given by an

American resident in London, illustrated the in-

tricacles of court etiquette with a little story about King Edward. "On the day of the birth of the present King." he said, "a certain marquess approached a lady-

"'Is it a boy or a girl?' he whispered. "The lady-in-waiting, with reproachful look,

whispered back: "'It's a prince.' "-New York Tribune.

Merely Curiosity.

Colombia is no longer in the game, and her | do, is very thin. He was in a Pennsylvania ave- rate is as high as 50 per cent. Further, this | nue car the other day, when a burly citizen class of machine suffers from general deterioragot on the car as it rounded a curve, lurched | tion to a marked degree. In the case of

forward and sat down in Landis's lap. General Reyes's trip to Paris shows that | Landis, "that's all right." Then he felt of found affected to such an extent that, if disasked plaintively: "But tell me, did you think

A Show-Down. Three young men attired in faultless manner, escorting two charming and well-dressed young ing, evidently bound for the theater. The young fellows were full of life, and could not contain themselves with the degree of complacency with which their fair companions carried themselves. One of the gallants, who was apparently doing the honors of the occasion, produced five Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, in his | tickets as the conductor approached, and arinaugural address made the statement that | ranging them like a hand at cards, remarked: "A full hand." "Yes," replied the knight of the bell rope, "three jacks and a pair of queens." -Columbus Dispatch.

Couldn't Fill the Cavity.

A certain Philadelphian who is at once a minister of the gospel and a registered physician had an amusing experience in his attempt to corner a Christian Scientist. Every time they met this scientist took occasion to scoff at medical science and to dwell upon the wonders that could be performed negro criminals a still larger proportion through faith. "You are convinced that, through faith, you can do anything," said the

> "Yes," he replied, "falth will move mountains." A week later he was in the doctor's office

medical man one day.

with a swollen jaw, due to toothache. "What! You here?" the doctor exclaimed with feigned astonishment. "Oh, doctor," he said, "I have suffered agony all through the night. I simply can't stand

"Have you tried faith?" the physician asked "You know you told me faith could move mountains." "But this is a cavity, doctor."-Philadelphia

One Way Only.

Some think that a story told of the late United States Senator Sewell and Col. "Jim" Scovel good. The colonel, who was a stirring the Salvation Army and mellowed toward the for a pass to Chicago.

"Til send it to you," the general said, and the next morning there was a letter in Scovel's mail from Sewell's West Jersey railroad office. Scovel dashed out the moment he broke the

rushed into the senator's presence, "I have the annual deposit of silt from the overflowing of the pass to Chicago, but there is no return coupon river, has been discovered by Mr. Fairchild, freezing dignity, "I am willing, sir, to send

you to Chicago. But I'm not-fool enough to which has the power not only to consume saline help you get back." The old-time coolness was on again at once. -New York Tribune.

THE HUMORISTS.

Not Exciting.

"Well. I never had such a slow time in m

life as I had last night." "Why, I heard you were playing poker." "So I was; with my wife, your wife and my sister, 'not in earnest, but just for fun.' "-Philadelphia Press.

The Remedy.

She was filled with resentment and pique, Refused to unbend for a wique, But a box of nice candy Came in very handy,

-New Orleans Times-Democrat.

What Made It High Priced.

"It seems an awfully high price to ask for t," said the customer. "Is it all wool?" "I should say not!" replied the salesman, handling the piece of goods caressingly. "Why, madam, look at it again. It's more than half high grade cotton!"-Chicago Tribune,

Determined.

that would give her a much better chance to tank. breaks out with a ringing phrase that get a place on the stage."-Cleveland Plain-What He Wanted.

"A tall bride is the best looking, don't you

"Well," replied the titled Englishman who had caught on to a little American slang, "so far as I am personally concerned I certainly am not looking for one who is 'short.' "-Chicago Post.

His Little Joke. "Doctor," said the patient, after paying his bill. "If there is anything in the theory of the transmigration of souls you'll be a war-horse

"That sounds rather flattering," remarked Dr. Price-Price. "Dave" Francis, of Missouri, declares that | "Yes, you're such a splendid charger."-Catho-

SCIENCE AND INVENTION.

Bishop's Solar Ring.

The peculiar atmospheric or solar phenomenon known as Bishop's Ring seems to be of very rare appearance. It was first observed in Hon-Mayor McClellan, of New York, seems de- olulu by Rev. Sereno Bishop, a few days after Alps. It appeared as a double ring around the him squarely between the shoulders as he sang sun, the inner portion being of a bluish-silver out cheerily: "Good morning, Bill!" But not color, while the outer part was a band of cop- one has ever had the senator crack jokes with per, twenty degrees wide, shading off into the him. blue of space .- Denver Times.

Artificial Phosphate.

The manufacture of artificial phosphate has these: recently been undertaken at Magdeburg, Germany, under the formula of Herr Wolters, There is melted in a reverbatory furnace a mixture of 100 parts of phosphorite crushed to a coarse size, seventy parts of acid sulphate of soda, twenty parts of carbonate of lime, twentyreceptacle filled with water, where it cools, becoming grainy. The granulary mass is then the senator is familiarly known among his thoutaken from the water and after drying is placed sands of employes as "Uncle Mark."-New in a crusher which reduces it to fineness. This | York Sun. product is said to be superior as a fertilizer to

The New Approach in Science.

it were, divided into two camps; acoustics and number anywhere near high enough, even heat, which are explained from the laws of me. | though you are knowing to the fact that Boston the loop. He has a good chance to put explained. For half a century we have tried Federation Bulletin you do know for a fact that said to have failed; let us now try to explain | tures offered here, and February is a short hitherto the inertia of matter.-Nineteenth Cen- organizations

Dynamo and Motor Defects. Judged from some of the things told in the should like to know it .- Boston Transcript.

latest annual report of Michael Longridge, chief engineer of the Engine and Boller Insurance Company, of Manchester, the insurance of elec-

motors, fully one-fourth the failures arise from He arose with profuse apologies. "Oh," said old age. The insulation in many instances is conductor, therefore, involves the complete re-I was painted on the seat?"-Philadelphia Post. | winding of the armature. Overloading, as a cause of failure, is apparently less common, but is still responsible for one-seventh of the

total motor breakdowns .- Cassier's Magazine, Science Brevities.

The theory held by miners that the gold in the earth has been deposited from solution has been demonstrated by several experimenters. Daintree prepared a solution of gold and left it in a small piece of metallic gold. Accidentally a small piece of wood fell into the solution; the solution decomposed, the gold assumed a metallic state and collected and held to the small pieces of undisselved gold, which increased in size.

white wax, one of lard and one of chalk, and mixing them to a homogeneous mass. The change produced by boiling in the colors of certain shellfish is now belived to be caused lobster, for instance, being perhaps due to the presence of iron in the composition with different portions of oxygen. On this theory the change would be analogous to rusting. In discussing this question, The Lancet reminds us that red hair owes its color to the presence of fron, and that the brilliant colors of autumnal follage are due to the oxidation of the chlorophyll, or green coloring matter, of the leaves. A surgeon named Von Manteuffel, at Dorpat, in the government of Livonia, Russia, recently removed a bullet from a woman's heart, and the patient lived three days after the operation. The bullet had traversed her heart, but had not Mr. Landis for the congressional nominapenetrated its larger cavity.

Food Value of Eggs. Eggs are very nourishing food and represent two important elements, fats and proteids, in an easily assimilated form. A single egg weighs about 11/2 ounces, of which one ounce is white, or pure albumen and one-half ounce yolk. The nutritive value of the yolk is greater than that of the white, though its bulk and weight are smaller. Its solid constituents are about onehalf of its fat. Fresh eggs, properly prepared, are readily digestible. The best mode of preporator, but very erratic, had been for years a aration is whipped raw, or cooked for twenty thorn in Sewell's side when Sewell was com- or thirty minutes at a temperature of about pletely destroyed, not one person lost his mander-in-chief of the Republican forces of the 160 degrees (curdled). The yolks are more easily strong in any particular section of the life. The Iroquois Theater disaster was in- State. They did not even know each other when digested when boiled hard, and the whites are State outside the Eleventh, he has a wide expected to be a candidate to succeed himcare is used to reduce the coagulated white senator enough to feel encouraged to ask Sewell | to minute particles which may readily be dissolved by the gastric juice. A single egg is equal in value to a dozen oysters.-Food Health.

Plant That Enriches Soil. The secret of the inexhaustible fertility of the "See here, general!" he exclaimed, as he Nile valley, which has long been credited to the ernment, to be the nitrifying power of the plant more delicate in flavor and succulent than either. In Egypt it is the food of horses, camels, cattle and donkeys. Even the peasants, or fellaheen, find it a palatable dish. It is remarkably fattening, and chokes out nearly all weeds. Mr. Fairchild in the Nile delta visited basins of alkaline lands that had been thoroughly reclaimed by growing berseem there. He saw cattle and horses grazing on luxurious fields of berseem-fields that two years before were, he says, "as barren of vegetation as a bathing beach." Furthermore, the roots of berseem stored such a vast amount of nitrogen in the soil reclaimed that on the third year the land was able to produce a crop of cotton. It is the purpose to test this plant in Texas, Arizona, Oregon, Washington and other sections of the Northwest. In the Southwest it will be tried harvested before the heated term, it will be

tried in rotation with wheat.-New York Press. Pleasant Cold-Weather Story.

Oscar Wilte, of Le Sueur, Minn., met with a most remarkable accident this morning that very nearly cost him his life. With his rifle of a cat he desired to shoot, when the animal ran up into the framework supporting the water

Standing directly beneath the cat, Wilte shot straight up at it, carclessly forgetting the fact

that the tank was within range. The bullet killed the cat and pierced the bottom of the tank and in an instant the water, gushing out, surrounded Mr. Wilte with a complete shower bath, in a temperature of 35 degrees

Instantly his overshoes froze to the stone oundation on which he was standing and, stooping to unbuckle them, he was changed by the spray, freezing in the terrible cold as fast as it fell, into a helpless statue of ice, stiff and immovable as a stone. Only by his stooping posture, which kept his face free from the ice, was he saved from suffocation.

Soon the flow of the water was stopped by the sediment in the tank flowing into the bullet hole and a little son of Mr. Wilte, who had seen the whole affair, ran for assistance. It was ecessary to loosen the unfortunate man's feet with chiseis and when he had been carried into the house by three strong men the ice had to be broken from him with clubs.

He was badly frightened by the experience, but otherwise unharmed. The body of the cat was found frozen to his back .- St. Paul Pioneer-Press

Senator Hanna and His Employes.

A joke is never looked for; but when an employe meets Hanna the former knows by experience that he will be asked such questions as

"Well, is everything satisfactory?"

"How is the family?" "See any way in which the service might be

"No kick comin', eh?" As a result of this show of good will, which also not infrequently makes itself evident in

A Belectured Town.

If you were asked off-hand the number of religion in every conception, philosophy, poetry the fan of an old fashioned Dutch windmill.

Children Gain Weight in Autumn.

Some curious experiments have been made at ormer newspaper correspondent who won fame on the average of motors employed in collieries. of April there is scarcely any increase in weight. by saying he came to Congress because he was one in three breaks down annually; while of More remarkable still, there is a diminution out of a job and there was nothing else to those used in actual coal cutting, the casualty 'till the end of the summer.-Chicago Tribune.

THE DRIFT OF POLITICS

Warren G. Sayre, of Wabash, is an | The Twelfth district delegates to the avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor. As forecasted in yesterday's Journal, Mr. Sayre formally announced his candidacy at the Wabash county convention yesterday afternoon, which renominated him for representative. In his speech of acceptance he concluded with the

declaration: "It is possible that I shall hand this nomination back to you, for I take this occasion publicly to announce that I am a candidate

for Governor.' W. L. Taylor, of this city, and J. Frank at the Wabash convention, and both made I though I were.' speeches early in the day, before Mr. Sayre sprang his "surprise." Mr. Hanly spoke first. Mr. Taylor had received an inkling of county Republicans and their candidate. I have heard a whisper that Wabash county will have a candidate for Governor." I'm a resident of Wabash county to-day,

Frank Smith, of Brookville, who is a of the Supreme Court, was at the convention, and was invited to make a speech, but declined. "Two of the candidates for Governor have made speeches, and the direct result has been the announcement of another candidate," he said. "I don't want to take any chances on bringing out another candidate for reporter. Representative Frederick Landis, of Logansport, was present at the 'convention and made a speech. Maj. George W. Steele, of Marion, who will probably contest with tion this spring, was not there.

for the Republican gubernatorial nomination. They are, in the order of their enapolis; Judge William L. Penfield, of Auburn, and Mr. Sayre. The entrance of Mr. Sayre complicates the situation, of course, and adds interest and uncertainty to the campaign. With the solid support of the Eleventh district, and it is to be presumed that the district will be behind him, he will have a good foundation for his canvass, and while it is not claimed that he is especially his prominence in the Legislature and the campaign he made for speaker of the House fifteen months ago.

Mr. Sayre's entrance into the gubernatorial contest will tend further to complicate the congressional situation in the Eleventh. The friends of Representative Landis have claimed that a majority of the delegates from Wabash county will be for their candidate, while the friends of agricultural explorer of the United States gov- | Major Steele have expressed the utmost confidence that they will be able to secure berseem. Berseem is a species of Trifolium, a fair share of the Wabash delegation for the major, but with a candidate for Governor in the county it is the logical conclusion that Wabash Republicans will assume a neutral attitude in the congressional posite of alfalfa and clover, it is in every way | contest and divide their strength equally between Landis and Steele, if there should be but the two candidates. The Eleventh has been a veritable storm center of politics for some months past and it is apparent that even more lively times are in prospect. It remains but for James F. Stutesman, of Peru, to get into the race for Lieutenant Governor to make the situation as complex as it could be readily imagined.

Speaking of the race for Lieutenant Governor, by the way, L. P. Newby, of Knightstown, the one avowed candidate, and Hugh Th. Miller, of Columbus, a prospective candidate, were both in the city last night. Furthermore, they met at the English and held a long conference, which may have been an "Alphonse and Gaston" affair, and, again, may have been argumentative in character. The latter is the more tenable conclusion, as it is not in the will be used as a winter soiling and fodder least probable that Mr. Newby is trying to persuade Mr. Miller or anyone else to enter the race Later in the evening Mr. Miller was asked

if he had definitely decided whether he would be a candidate. "No, I have not," he replied. "I had thought that I would be ready to make a definite announcement before this, but I takes time to make anything like a thorough canvass of the situation. I expect, however, to be ready to say definitely within a few days, not later than the middle of next week, whether I shall be a candidate. I suppose it goes without saying," added Mr. Miller with a smile, "that I am very much inclined to enter the race.' Mr. Miller will be one of the numerous candidates and prospective candidates who proaching campaign, and that they "sniff will go to Evansville Saturday for the victory in the air." convention and banquet of the Indiana Lincoln League. It is possible that if he decides to be a candidate he will make his announcement just before he starts a position to do some positive campaigning when he meets up with the numerous delegates to the convention, but on the other hand he may want to do a little skirmishing among the members of the

league before he makes his decision. Lieut. Gov. Newton W. Gilbert, of Ft. Wayne, was in the city yesterday to attend the meeting of the Indiana world's fair commission, of which he is the presi-

dent. district Republican organization, has issued the call for the district convention to select delegates to the national convention and a presidential elector. The conven- the district convention tion will be held Feb. 16 at Kendallville, and will be made up of ninety-eight delegates, apportioned on the same basis of representation that has obtained in all the district conventions this year, one dele- M. gate for each 200 votes and one for each additional fraction of more than 100 votes cast for Secretary of State Storms in 1902. | they have not decided what they will do."

ENEMY OF WHALES.

Strange Creature Said to Exist in

Alaskan Waters.

While operating a fishery in Admiralty

creature that would appear in the main

channel of the Seymour canal and our im-

mediate vicinity. There are large num-

bers of whales of the species rorqual, there,

and the monster seemed to be their natural

enemy. The whales generally travel in

schools, and while at the surface to blow

the fish and a battle was soon in order.

Forest and Stream.

national convention will be the first selected in Indiana this year. + + +

The editor of the Hartford City Times has secured from Senator Fairbanks an expression on the vice presidential proposition, which he publishes as follows: "Senator Fairbanks has written to the Times acknowledging receipt of paper containing an editorial in his behalf for the vice presidential nomination. In reply the senator says, 'No word which has come to me is more gratifying than that which you have been good enough to send. I Hanly, of Lafayette, the first entries in have no desire whatever for the place the gubernatorial race, were both present mentioned, but am as grateful to you as

D. J. McMath, of Sheridan, was a caller Modeling wax is made by mixing six parts of the forthcoming announcement, and in his at the Republican State headquarters yesspeech he adroitly "jollied" the Wabash terday. He said that the Republicans of Hamilton county will not nominate candidates for auditor and treasurer at the he said, "and I want to say right now that | primaries, Feb. 17, but will wait until the constutionality of the county officers' law and that I'm for him-as long as I'm in this | has been determined by the Supreme Court. + + +

Governor Durbin and State Auditor David candidate for the nomination for reporter E. Sherrick will go to Richmond to-day to visit the Eastern Hospital for the Insane and attend a meeting of the board of trustees of the institution.

R. B. Oglesbee, of the Plymouth Tribune, was in the city yesterday and called at State headquarters.

+ + + When the politicians get together these days there is more talk of the war between Russia and Japan than of political matters, and it seems that a preponderance There are now four avowed candidates of their sentiment is with Japan. At the Statehouse yesterday the officers, deputies and employes talked war to the exclusion of all other topics and it developed that trance into the race, J. Frank Hanly, of there was but one Russian sympathizer in Lafayette; William L. Taylor, of Indian- the Statehouse-John Reed, of the auditor's

> J. W. Cockrum, of Oakland City, secretary of the world's fair commission, was in the

city yesterday. Mayor A. F. Knotts, of Hammond, was in the city yesterday on legal business. Last evening at the English he was asked if he acquaintnce, and is well known because of self in the municipal campaign in his city this spring. "I don't know," he said. think sometimes that I have had enough mayoralty experience to last me some years. Some of my friends insist, that I shall be a candidate for renomination and assure me that I shall not meet with much opposition, but I haven't thought much about the matter and shall not come to a decision for some time yet.' Mr. Knotts has made an enviable record

> inal methods into the conduct of municipal affairs that have attracted widespread S. W. Packard, of Chicago, was here yesterday on legal business in the Federal Court. Mr. Packard came into especial

prominence a few months ago as the attor-

as mayor and has introduced some orig-

ney of John Alexander Dowie, of Zion City. Friends of John W. Kern in this city are urging him as a candidate for the Democratic congressional nomination this year. Mr. Kern, it is generally understood, is not particularly pleased at the use of his name in this connection, but his friends are insistent that he ask the nomination, saying that he can have it for the asking, and then urging that he would stand an excellent chance of election. He does not doubt that the nomination could be landed readily enough, it is said, but is very much in doubt as to the chances of a Democrat being elected to Congress from this district, and therein lies the reason for his disinclination to the use of his name, even as a prospective candidate. Mr. Kern had an experience in leading Democratic forlorn hopes four years ago, when he headed the state

ticket, and one such experience was suffi-"I'm not a perennial candidate," Mr. Kern is said to have protested to one of his friends recently. "There seems to be a desire on some one's part to have me running for one office or another all the time. Why, even understand that Mayor Holtzman spoke of me the other day as a candidate for county chairman, going so far as to concede that I would make a good chairman. found, on going into the matter, that it It is strange that the mayor didn't think so well of me last spring when he and his

friends insisted on opposing me for city Judge C. R. Pollard, of Delphi, one of Carroll county's leading Democrats, is in the city. He says that the Democrats in his county are well organized for the ap-

Maj. Joseph B. Holman and Otis E. Gulley, of Danville, were in the city yesterday for Evansville, in order that he may be in and called on friends among the officers in the Statehouse. Mr. Gulley is at present the only avowed candidate in the field against Representative Elias S. Holliday. of Brazil, for the Fifth district congressional nomination, and Major Holman is managing his campaign. The latter was fairly bubbling over with enthusiasm and confidence, and insisted on introducing Mr. Gulley around the Statehouse as "the next

member of Congress from the Fifth dis-"I have been more than pleased with the reception accorded my candidacy," said Mr. Elmer Leonard, chairman of the Tweifth | Gulley, when asked about his canvass, "and believe that I have made considerable headway already. I have visited several counties in the district, and expect to make as thorough a canvass as possible before

Mr. Gulley says he does not know whether he will have any company in his race against Representative Holliday. ard Maxwell, of Parke county, and Alva-Higgins, of Terre Haute, are being talked of as probable candidates," he said, "but so far as I have been able to learn

when it took its deep sound, especially if

the water was forty fathoms or more deep,

During the day the attack was always off

shore, but at night the whales would be

attacked in the bay and within four hun-

I do not know of any whales being killed,

but there were several that had great holes

and sores on their backs. Questioning the

dred yards of the fishery.

island. Alaska, last summer, my attention , Indians about it, I was told that there was

only one, that it had been there for many years, and that it once attacked an Indian canoe and with one stroke of the great club smashed the canoe into splinters, kill-

ing and drowning several of its occupants.

OVERWORKED DIRECTORS. Some Odd Facts in Connection with Rockefeller's Resignation.

one would be singled out and attacked by New York Post. Last Monday's announcement of John D. It is the nature of the rorqual to make Rockefeller's resignation from the Steel three blows at intervals of from one to Corporation directory excited only passing three minutes each, and then sound deep comment in Wall street. The resignation was based on inability to attend meetings forty minutes. As a whale would come to and give proper consideration to the comthe surface there would appear always at | pany's affairs. This directs attention to the the whale's right side and just about where actual work done by rich men as directors his head would connect with the body, a of great corporations. With those capitalgreat long tail or fin, "judged by five fish- ists who serve on the boards of a dozen or ermen and a number of Indians after see- more corporations, as twenty or thirty rich men do, it is frequently a physical impossitances," to be about twenty-four feet long, bility to attend every meeting. They visit important corporations, whose affairs demand close attention. Directors of such

> concerns usually attend regularly. As a rule, however, occasional attendance is all that corporations expect from very busy men. Names of such directors carry weight, and, while advisory supervision is undertaken in a general way, no more laporious duties are imposed. A Wall-street banker who has earned large fees in this way from big corporations said this week that heavily capitalized concerns frequently pay as much as \$50 for attendance at a committee meeting. This was not exorbitant, since such work was exacting and often involved painstaking investingation, For that reason the service carried with it the pay of an expert. In general, however, a director's fees range from \$5 to \$30 per meeting, and, while it is not customary to pay absentees, even that is sometimes done. One very prominent banker received the other day three double eagles from as many different corporations whose meetings he had been unable to attend. The fees were paid and received as a matter of That man is believed to receive

and stay beneath the surface for thirty or

seemed to be about eighteen inches in diameter, looking very much like the blade of The great club was used on the back of the unfortunate whale in such a manner whale attacked was not instantly killed. Its operator seemed to have perfect control of its movements and would bend it back till the end would touch the water, forming a horseshoe loop, then with a sweep it would be straightened and brought over and down on the back of the whale with a whack that could be heard for several miles. If the whale was fortunate to submerge its body before the blows came, the spray would fly for a distance of a hundred feet from the effect of the strike, making a report as

loud as a yacht's signal gun. What seemed most remarkable to me was that no matter which way the attacked whale went, or how fast (the usual speed is about fourteen knots), that great club would follow right along by its side and deliver those tremendous blows at intervals much higher, since, part of December. From that time to the end of about four or five seconds. It would always get in from three to five blows at each of the three times the whale would course. come to the surface to blow. The whale I from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year in director's would generally rid itself of the enemy fees alone,